Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In sub-division (e) it is stated "no public worship takes place". My question is whether the chapel is used for worship? I want an answer to my question.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The Chapel I think is used for worship.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there is any difference between public worship or private worship or other forms of worship?

Mr. President: That question is a matter of opinion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member has any idea as to what sort of worship is taking place there now?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Details are not known.

PADDY CULTIVATION—PAYMENT OF WAGES IN KIND

282. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Grain Purchasing Tahsildar of Talappalli has been ordered not to allow cultivators of paddy to pay wages in kind to labourers in the western half of the Taluk;

(*b*) whether the same Tahsildar is allowing wages to be gievn in kind in the eastern half of the Taluk;

(*c*) if so, why?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

a) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Sufficient paddy for payment of wages in kind is allowed to paddy cultivators in accordance with the customary practice in each locality.

DISTRIBUTION OF RATION IN PADDY

283. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they considered about the distribution of paddy instead of rice to the ration card-holders in the State; if so, what was the result of the consideration;

(*b*) whether enquiries were made to know whether the card-holders prefer paddy to rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

It was not found feasible.

(*b*) Government are well aware that some card-holders would prefer to draw their ration in paddy and Government regret that in this matter it is not possible to meet their wishes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know, Sir, what exactly is the difficulty for giving paddy instead of rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The difficulties have been explained at length before this House in this Session itself in the Vrischigam Meeting and also in the Administration Report of the Department for the year 1118. It may not be necessary to add anything to these.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know whether the decision arrived at is the result of a mere conjecture or it was formed after elaborate enquiries, and if so what sort of enquiries was made?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is from enquiries that the Government came to know that some prefer to have their ration in paddy and some prefer to have it in rice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the objection in trying the experiment in some of the shops keeping paddy and keeping rice to know which the people prefer?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* All these difficulties have already been explained.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you import any paddy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Very rarely.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The only paddy we have is locally obtained.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the difficulty of the Government in accepting this proposition of distribution of paddy to card-holders is one of convenience to stock paddy and rice in the same shop?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There are several difficulties which I have already explained to the House on previous occasions.

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Mr. President: I suggest that as the Hon'ble Member's memories seem rather short in this regard it might be a good thing if the Hon'ble Member would give a short summary of his previous speeches on the subject.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The first difficulty is paddy takes almost double the space of rice. Even with regard to the temporary stocking of paddy we purchase, we are managing with great difficulty with regard to accommodation. Again there is the transport problem, which is much more difficult. Transport of paddy would require larger volume of space and hence larger number of vehicles. Quick movements are necessary and if large volume has to be transported it becomes all the more difficult. Another difficulty is we are purchasing different varieties of paddy, some will be well-dried, some in a wet condition and some may contain chaff and if it is to be preserved as paddy it has to be well-dried and sifted. If that is not done some stock will be ruined. There is that risk. Then again, there is scope for fraud in the sale of paddy as paddy by an admixture of chaff. Now if we find paddy in the possession of a non-cultivator in an area where rice ration is issued as rice alone and not as paddy, we can know at once that it is not his paddy, whereas if paddy is issued as paddy itself there is the possible plea that it is ration paddy and that it is not paddy illicitly obtained. These are some of the difficulties which I have already explained. Further a large portion of the people requires the ration in the form of rice. Among the poorer classes a large number of them would like to have the ration in rice only.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government have any objection to entrust the work of distribution of paddy to private individuals who can give though satisfaction to the Government in any particular village.

Mr. President: That is a useful suggestion which no doubt will be considered. It is hardly a question for information.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know whether the Government will be prepared to try this method if a place is given to them free of rent and where paddy is lying very close?

Mr. President: That is another suggestion which will be noted.

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

QUALITY OF RICE DISTRIBUTED

284. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have not been receiving repeated representations about the very bad quality of rice now distributed;

(*b*) whether they have not received complaints about the turn out of the "Varathan Mills", Chelakkara;

(*c*) what if any are the orders in relief?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) A few complaints have been received.

(*b*) No complaints have been received from the public.

(*c*) Arrangements have been made to distribute this rice at centres where consumers are accustomed to imported rice.

The supply of paddy to this rice mill has been stopped and the matter is under investigation.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu).* May I know what the Government means by the answer to (*b*) that no complaints have been received from the public?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It means that action was taken on reports received from the departmental officers.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government are aware of the quality of rice which has been even to-day converted into boiled rice and distributed in the Maruthi Lodging and Hotel here?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will you be kind enough to examine it during the session?

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